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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Administration for Children and Families**

**Announcing the Intent to Award a Single-Source Program Expansion Supplements to Cooperative Agreements within the Office of Refugee Resettlement's Unaccompanied Children's (UC) Program.**

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** This notice announces the intent to award a single-source expansion supplement grant to existing grantees', BCFS Health and Human Services (90ZU0075) and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (90ZU0081), Cooperative Agreement within the Office of Refugee Resettlement's Unaccompanied Children's (UC) Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), announces its intent to award a cooperative agreement of up to \$3,311,087 as a single-source expansion supplements to the Post Release Services Programs within the Unaccompanied Children's (UC) Program.

The expansion supplement grants will support the immediate need for additional post-release services to accommodate the increasing number of UCs being referred by DHS, and as a result, the increase of UCs referred for post-release services. The increase in the UC population necessitates the need for expansion of services to expedite the release of UC. The Flores v. Reno settlement agreement requires that requires the timely release of children and youth to qualified parents, guardians, relatives or other adults, referred to as “sponsors.”

**DATES:** Supplemental award funds will support activities from September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

ORR is continuously monitoring its capacity to provide post-release services to the unaccompanied children in HHS custody.

ORR has specific requirements for the provision of services. Award recipients must have the infrastructure, licensing, experience, and appropriate level of trained staff to meet those requirements. The expansion of the existing post-release services program through this supplemental award is a key strategy for ORR to be prepared to meet its

responsibility of safe and timely release of Unaccompanied Children referred to its care by DHS and so that the US Border Patrol can continue its vital national security mission to prevent illegal migration, trafficking, and protect the borders of the United States.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** This program is authorized by –

(A) Section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which in March 2003, transferred responsibility for the care and custody of Unaccompanied Alien Children from the Commissioner of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to the Director of ORR of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

(B) The Flores Settlement Agreement, Case No. CV85-4544RJK (C. D. Cal. 1996), as well as the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Pub.L. 110-457), which authorizes post release services under certain conditions to eligible children. All programs must comply with the Flores Settlement Agreement, Case No. CV85-4544-RJK (C.D. Cal. 1996), pertinent regulations and ORR policies and procedures.

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